

## BOOK NOTICES

## Oxford University Press

TED J. CASE, MARTIN L. CODY and EXEQUIEL EZCURRA. (eds.). 2002. **A New Island Biogeography of the Sea of Cortés**. (ISBN 0-19-513346-3, hbk.). Oxford University Press. (Orders: Oxford University Press, 2001 Evans Road, Cary, NC 27513, U.S.A., 800-451-7556, 919-677-1303 fax, www.oup.com). \$95.00, 652 pp., figures, maps, graphs, tables, 6 1/2" × 9 1/2".

*Publisher Comments:* "This updated and expanded *A New Island Biogeography of the Sea of Cortés*, first published nearly 20 years ago, integrates new and broader studies encompassing more taxa and more complete island coverage. The present synthesis provides a basis for further research and exploration in upcoming years of the biologically fascinating Sea of Cortés region."

"The new *Biogeography* includes a section on the conservation issues in the Sea of Cortés, past accomplishments, and conservation needs as yet outstanding."

DONALD G. CROSBY. 2004. **The Poisoned Weed, Plants Toxic to Skin** (ISBN 0-19-515548-3, hbk.). Oxford University Press. (Orders: Oxford University Press, 2001 Evans Road, Cary, NC 27513, U.S.A., 800-451-7556, 919-677-1303 fax, www.oup.com). \$59.95, 214 pp., figures, graphs, 24 color figures, 6 1/2" × 9 1/2".

*Publisher Comments:* "Toxic plants affect the skin of almost everyone on earth. Many such "dermatotoxic" species were well known to the Ancients and later generated centuries of medical research, but *The Poisoned Weed* is the first comprehensive book specifically about this topic. Crosby covers a wide range of these plants."

Poison ivy and relatives (Anacardiaceae) are not the only culprits included in the book.

JAMES F. HANCOCK. 2004. **Plant Evolution and the Origin of Crop Species. Second Edition**. (ISBN 0-85199-685-X, hbk.) CABI Publishing, Wallingford, Oxon OX10 8DE, UK and 8756 Massachusetts Avenue, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Cambridge, MA 02139, U.S.A. (Orders: www.cabi-publishing.org, Oxford University Press, 2001 Evans Road, Cary, NC 27513, U.S.A., 800-451-7556, 919-677-1303 fax, www.oup.com). \$100.00, 313 pp., graphs, b/w photos, line drawings, 6 1/4" × 9 1/4".

*Publisher Comments:* "This book is probably the only current volume to combine discussion of plant evolution with that of crop origins. The first edition was published in 1992 by Prentice-Hall, and has now been fully revised to reflect recent advances. The key features include a description of the process of evolution in native and cultivated populations of plants, a review of when and where major crops were domesticated, and a discussion of the subsequent development of crops over time. There is also greater integration of the information on evolution and crop origins compared with the first edition."